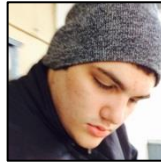


February 22, 2017



- - THIS IS VINCENT
FROM STAMFORD, CT

Dear Senators and members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Michele O'Grady. I am the godmother of Vincent Bruzzese, 19 year's old, who has severe Intellectual Disabilities and eligible for DDS Services upon his graduation of CES School in June 2018.

I am testifying on the impact of the Governor's budget on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Please hear my voice you NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING for ALL of our CITIZENS to:

Please support the Governor's proposal to invest \$3.8 million in the ID Partnership which will help people on the DDS residential waiting list, support developing more residential options for people with I/DD and stabilize community based supports.

Please restore funding for day and employment services for all new graduates!

Please restore funding for Family Support Grants!

Please restore funding for new families who need Behavioral Support Services!

Please cut overtime and waste in DDS – DON'T CUT COMMUNITY SERVICES!

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Michele O'Grady
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